

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) Can comprising can casing (1), can edge (8) and a membrane seal (5), optionally additionally comprising a lid (7), characterized in that it has, in the vicinity of the can edge, preferably at a distance of 1 to 10 mm from the can edge, a continuous, inward-facing bead (3) in the can casing, which bead is connected with a seal at its top (3a) facing the can edge to a sealing membrane (5) in the form of a tear-open foil by adhesive bonding or sealing, the top (3a) of the bead facing the can edge - considered in the case of an upright can - running horizontally inwards.

2. (Previously presented) Can according to Claim 1, characterized in that the bead has a horizontal top - in the case of an upright can - and an oblique, optionally curved, bottom.

3. (Currently amended) Can according to ~~either of Claims 1 and 2~~claim 1, characterized in that the bevel is about 45°.

4. (Currently amended) Can according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, characterized in that the sealing membrane is additionally connected with a seal to a part (1a) of the can casing which is adjacent to the top of the bead.

5. (Currently amended) Can according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, characterized in that the sealing membrane is connected to the bead and optionally to the adjacent part (1a) of the can casing (1) with a seal by adhesive bonding or

heat sealing.

6. (Currently amended) Can according to ~~any of Claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, comprising a can lid (7) gripping over the can edge, characterized in that the can lid at least partly engages the bead (3) by means of an edge bead (6).

7. (New) Can according to claim 2, characterized in that the bevel is about 45°.

8. (New) Can according to claim 2, characterized in that the sealing membrane is additionally connected with a seal to a part (1a) of the can casing which is adjacent to the top of the bead.

9. (New) Can according to claim 3, characterized in that the sealing membrane is additionally connected with a seal to a part (1a) of the can casing which is adjacent to the top of the bead.

10. (New) Can according to claim 2, characterized in that the sealing membrane is connected to the bead and optionally to the adjacent part (1a) of the can casing (1) with a seal by adhesive bonding or heat sealing.

11. (New) Can according to claim 3, characterized in that the sealing membrane is connected to the bead and optionally to the adjacent part (1a) of the can casing (1) with a seal by adhesive bonding or heat sealing.

12. (New) Can according to claim 4, characterized in that the sealing membrane is connected to the bead and optionally to the adjacent part (1a) of the can casing (1) with a seal by adhesive bonding or heat sealing.

13. (New) Can according to claim 2, comprising a can lid (7) gripping over

the can edge, characterized in that the can lid at least partly engages the bead (3) by means of an edge bead (6).

14. (New) Can according to claim 3, comprising a can lid (7) gripping over the can edge, characterized in that the can lid at least partly engages the bead (3) by means of an edge bead (6).

15. (New) Can according to claim 4, comprising a can lid (7) gripping over the can edge, characterized in that the can lid at least partly engages the bead (3) by means of an edge bead (6).

16. (New) Can according to claim 5, comprising a can lid (7) gripping over the can edge, characterized in that the can lid at least partly engages the bead (3) by means of an edge bead (6).